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ANNUAL REPORT

AND

VITAL STATISTICS

OF THE

URBAN DISTRICT OF KNUTSFORD

BY

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the Urban District of Knutsford.

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KNUTSFORD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Department,
Council Offices,
Knutsford.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Knutsford Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report for the year 1958.

The population of Knutsford continues to rise and is now estimated at 7,980. The growth has continued to average almost 200 per year since 1945 and there is every indication that this trend will continue, at least over the next few years.

Some change is evident in the vital statistics. The number of deaths (203) is again higher this year by 28. The number of births is 129 compared with 132. The infant mortality remains low, there being only four deaths under the age of twelve months.

The actual figures for births and deaths are apt to vary quite considerably in a small community. This is especially so with deaths when we have in our midst a large hospital with beds for older long-stay patients, many of whom come from outside Knutsford.

An attempt is made by use of a comparability factor given by the Registrar General to make an allowance for this when calculating the death rate. This must, however, give a figure which is only an approximation.

The progress in slum clearance has been maintained and at the end of the Five Year period the target of ninety houses will have been substantially exceeded.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking members of the Health Committee for the interest they have shown in the work of the Department and to thank Mr. Butler (Chief Public Health Inspector) and his staff for the work they have done and the help they have given me at all times.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

DONALD LONGBOTTOM,

Medical Officer of Health.

PART 1.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of District	2,485 acres.
Average Height above sea level	210 feet.
Registrar General's mid-year estimate of population	7,980
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1958) per rate book	2,776
Rateable Value	£92,422.
Sum represented by a penny rate	£384.

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>1958</u>	<u>1957</u>
Total Live Births	129	132
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 living	16.1	17.1
Standardised Birth Rate per 1,000 living	15.8	17.1
General Birth Rate (England & Wales)	15.7	16.1
Total Still Births	7	2
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births	57.4 54.3	14.9 15.1
Total Live and Still Births	136	134
Deaths of infants under 1 year	4	3
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	31	22.7
" " " " " legitimate live births	32.3	15.1
" " " " " illegitimate live births	Nil	Nil.
Neo natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	31	15.1
Illegitimate live births percent of total live births	3.9%	3.0%
Maternal Deaths	Nil	Nil.
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births	Nil	Nil.
Total Deaths	203	175
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 living	26.1	22.7
Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 living	14.6	11.1
General Death Rate (England & Wales)	11.7	11.5
Deaths from Tuberculosis	1	3
Deaths from Poliomyelitis	Nil	Nil.
Deaths from Cancer	28	18
Deaths from Accidents	8	5

The population figures given are for home population and the birth and death rates are based on this figure. The standardised rates are arrived at after allowing for the age and sex distribution of the population, giving a fairer comparison with those of other areas.

The death rate comparability factor is adjusted specifically to take account of the presence of any residential institution in each area. This takes into account the deaths occurring in Cranford Lodge Hospital and thus gives a better comparison with the rate for the rest of the country.

PART II TABLES

TABLE I

LIVE BIRTHS
1958

	<u>Legitimate</u>	<u>Illegitimate</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>1957</u>
Males	60	2	62	64
Females	64	3	67	68
	124	5	129	132

TABLE II

STILL BIRTHS
1958

	<u>Legitimate</u>	<u>Illegitimate</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>1957</u>
Males	4	0	4	2
Females	3	0	3	0
	7	0	7	2

TABLE III

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE
1958

	<u>Legitimate</u>	<u>Illegitimate</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>1957</u>
Males	1	0	1	1
Females	3	0	3	2
	4	0	4	3

TABLE IV

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS OF AGE

	<u>Legitimate</u>	<u>Illegitimate</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>1957</u>
Males	1	0	1	1
Females	3	0	3	1
	4	0	4	2

All the infant deaths were in infants under four weeks of age. The causes were:-

- (1) Asphyxia Neonatorum.
- (2) Drowning.
- (3) Hydrocephalus Meningocol.
- (4) Cerebral Haemorrhage.

TABLE V.

<u>Notifiable Disease</u>	<u>Number of Cases Notified 1958</u>
Scarlet Fever	3
Whooping Cough	2
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)	0
Measles (excluding Rubella)	45
Acute Pneumonia (Primary of Influenzal)	0
Meningococcal Infection	0
Acute Poliomyelitis -	
Paralytic	0
Non-Paralytic	0
Acute Encephalitis -	
Infective	0
Post Infectious	0
Dysentery	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	1
Smallpox	0
Paratyphoid Fevers	0
Enteric or Typhoid Fever (exc. Paratyphoid)	0
Food Poisoning (Exc. dysentery typhoid and paratyphoid Fevers)	0
Tuberculosis -	
Respiratory	3
Other	0
Erysipelas	0
	54
1957	110

The district was remarkably free from notifiable infectious disease with the exception of the measles cases.

TABLE VI

Number of new cases of Tuberculosis notified during
the year ended 31st December, 1958

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TABLE VII

Deaths from Tuberculosis registered
during the year ended 31st December, 1958

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TABLE VIII

DEATHS REGISTERED DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 1958 AND CAUSES.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
All Causes (Certified 203) (Uncertified 0)			
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	0	1
Tuberculosis, other	0	0	0
Syphilitic Disease	1	0	1
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	0	0	0
Meningococcal Infections	0	0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0	0
Measles	0	0	0
Other Infective and parasitic diseases	0	0	0
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	2	3
Malignant neoplasm, lungs bronchus	7	0	7
Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	3	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	1	1
Other Malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	7	9	16
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	0	0	0
Diabetes	0	0	0
Vascular lesions of nervous system	13	51	64
Coronary disease, angina	14	4	18
Hypertension with heart disease	0	1	1
Other heart disease	16	22	38
Other circulatory disease	4	3	7
Influenza	2	0	2
Pneumonia	1	3	4
Bronchitis	0	1	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	0	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	0	0	0
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	0	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	0	1	1
Hyper-plasia of prostate	0	0	0
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0	0	0
Congenital malformations	0	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	8	17	25
Motor vehicle accidents	2	0	2
All other accidents	2	4	6
Suicide	0	1	1
Homicide and operations of war	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
1958 Total	81	122	203
1957 Total	59	116	175

The majority of deaths are those associated with old age, i.e. with the cardio vascular system and cancer in its various forms.

The deaths in the infectious disease groups are as follows:-

Tuberculosis	1
Pneumonia	4
Influenza	2

TABLE IX

COMPARATIVE FIGURES OF VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Population</u>	<u>Total Births</u>	<u>Birth Rate</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>	<u>Death Rate</u>	<u>Deaths of Infants under 1 year</u>
1911	5983	113	22.0	63	12.3	9
1915	5378	94	19.1	62	12.3	6
1920	5035	107	21.2	65	12.9	7
1925	5499	69	12.5	45	8.3	4
1930	5846	84	14.2	50	8.5	5
1935	5681	61	10.7	58	10.2	2
1940	6306	77	12.2	80	12.7	3
1945	5620	95	16.9	74	13.2	6
1950	6357	90	14.2	67	10.5	0
1951	6576	100	15.2	90	13.7	0
1952	6530	90	13.8	124	19.0	1
1953	6805	105	15.4	157	11.0	0
1954	7090	101	15.0	233	13.3	2
1955	7200	98	14.4	240	10.8	3
1956	7470	96	12.8	211	11.3	2
1957	7720	132	17.1	175	11.1.	3
1958	7980	129	15.8	203	14.6	4

From 1951 onwards the total deaths include those of non-Knutsford residents occurring in Cranford Lodge Hospital, i.e. long stay cases of chronic sickness.

From 1953 onwards the death rate is that estimated for Knutsford residents only (i.e. excluding deaths of non-Knutsford residents in Cranford Lodge Hospital).

National Health Act Services and Services
provided by the Cheshire County Council

A. Services provided in accordance with the requirements
of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

1. Hospital Services

Controlling Body - Manchester Regional Hospital Board.
Local Hospitals - Administered by North and Mid-Cheshire
Hospital Management Committee.
Secretary - Mr. M. Owen, Administrative Offices,
Altrincham Maternity Home, Sinderland
Road, Altrincham.

2. Hospitals serving this area:

General Acute Cases - Cottage Hospital, Knutsford.
Altrincham General Hospital.
Maternity Hospital - Cranford Lodge, Knutsford - 10 beds.
General Chronic Cases - Cranford Lodge, Knutsford.

A large number of cases from Knutsford are also treated in
Manchester and district Hospitals.

3. General Practitioner and General Dental Services

Controlling Body - National Health Service Executive Council
for Cheshire.
Clerk - Mr. F. Hayter, 28 Nicholas Street, Chester.

4. Services of Local Health Authority - Cheshire County Council

1. Ambulance Service)	
2. Immunisation and Vaccination	)	Altrincham Divisional
3. Care and after care	)	Health Committee.
4. Home Help Service)	
5. Maternity and Child Welfare)	
6. Domiciliary Midwifery and	)	County Council
District Nursing	)	Health Committee.
7. Dental Service - Expectant)	
and Nursing Mothers and Pre)	
School Children)	
8. Mental Health Service - Duly)	
Authorised Officer for)	
Mental Health - Mr. Dixon,)	
18 Stanley Road, Knutsford.)	

The Divisional Health Committee area covers Hale U.D.C., Bowdon U.D.C.,
Altrincham M.B., Knutsford U.D.C., and Bucklow R.D.C. and includes
Members of these Authorities, Members of the County Council and
co-opted members.

Divisional Medical Officer and District - Dr. D. Longbottom, Mountlands,
M.O.H. for the above districts The Mount, Altrincham.

B. Other Services by other Committees of Cheshire County Council

1. Education Committee - School Health Services, including School Dental Service.
2. Welfare Committee - Old persons care and attention, homeless, handicapped persons, provision for residential accommodation - County Welfare Officer - Mr. Evans, Hough Green, Chester.
3. Children's Committee - Provides for the care of deprived children, i.e. children not under parental care.
Children's Officer Mr. J. Blades, The County Offices, Bexton Road, Knutsford.
for this area

C. Services available in Knutsford

1. Maternity and Child Welfare - County Offices, Bexton Road, Knutsford.
Clinic Every Wednesday at 2 - 4 p.m.
2. Immunisation and - Last Thursday in each month at 10.0. a.m. -
Vaccination 11.0. a.m.
3. Young Peoples Clinic - Fourth Thursday afternoon in each month -
2.0. p.m. - 4.0. p.m. by appointment.
4. School Clinic - County Offices, Bexton Road, Knutsford.
 - (a) Minor Ailments Clinic - Wednesday mornings - 9.0. a.m. - 12 noon.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday -
9.0. a.m. - 10.0. a.m. as required.
 - (b) Doctors Session - 2nd and 4th Wednesday mornings in the month.
 - (c) Dental Clinic - Each Tuesday morning and afternoon.
3rd Thursday afternoon each month, by
appointment.
 - (e) Hearing Clinic - Alternate Friday mornings by appointment.
5. Health Visitors - Nurse Dawson, County Offices, Bexton Road,
Knutsford.
Nurse Conlin, County Offices, Bexton Road.
6. District Nurses and Midwives - Nurse Tierney, 1 Westfield Drive, Knutsford.
Nurse Cadogan, Mere Heath Lane, Mere.
7. Relief District Nurses and - Nurse Buckley, 7 Ascol Drive, Plumley,
Midwives Nr. Knutsford.
Nurse Roome, 26 Thorneyholme Drive, Knutsford.
8. Ambulance Station - Town Hall, Altrincham - Altrincham 3256.

All enquiries in connection with the above services should be made to:
Dr. D. Longbottom, Divisional Medical Officer, Mountlands, The Mount,
Altrincham. Tel. Altrincham 1733.

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31st December, 1958.

WATER SUPPLY

The Statutory Undertaking for the supply of water to the Urban District is the Knutsford Light and Water Company who buy water in bulk from Manchester Corporation Waterworks.

I am indebted to the Engineer and Manager of the Manchester Corporation Waterworks Department for the following information:-

THIRLMERE SUPPLY

January to December, 1958.

TYPICAL CHEMICAL ANALYSES

Samples taken from house taps.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>June 4</u>	<u>Sept. 3</u>	<u>Nov. 13</u>
<u>SUPPLY:</u>	<u>T.A.</u>	<u>T.A.</u>	<u>H.A.</u>
<u>LAB. NO.</u>	<u>5806</u>	<u>5900</u>	<u>5983</u>
pH value	7.1	6.9	7.3
Colour as ppm platinum	4.	6.	7.
Turbidity ppm silica scale	0.5	1.1	0.6
	<u>Parts per Million</u>		
Total solids dried at 180°C.	35	35	43
Free acidity as CO ₂	3	3.5	1.5
Alkalinity as CaCO ₃	12	11.	18
Total hardness as CaCO ₃	18.	16.5	22.5
Chlorides as Cl ₂	7.5	5.5	5
Nitrates as N ₂	0.10	0.14	0.18
Nitrites as N ₂	Nil	0.001	Nil
Ammoniacal nitrogen as N ₂	0.01	0.01	0.02
Albuminoid nitrogen as N ₂	0.02	0.02	0.02
Oxygen absorbed test, 4 hours at 27° C.	0.48	0.56	0.75
Silica as SiO ₂	2.	2.5	2.
Iron As Fe	0.07	0.08	0.05
Managanese as Mn	0.08	0.03	0.02

BACTERIOLOGICAL RESULTS.

One hundred and twenty two (122) samples were taken in the Sale to Altrincham supply area during the year with the following results:

Samples free from coliform bacteria	109
Samples with coliform bacteria	<u>13</u>
	<u>122</u>

The samples with coliform bacteria present were as follows:

Date	Coliform bacteria found per 100 mls of water.			
	Faecal	Non-faecal	Total	
July 9	0	25	25	) 3 other samples taken were coli-free.
	0	25	25)
July 16	0	2	2	) 3 other samples taken were coli-free.
	0	3	8)
Aug. 27	8	25	33	) 1 other sample taken was coli-free.
	0	13	13)
Sept. 10	8	5	13	1 other sample taken was coli-free.
Sept. 17	0	3	3	3 other samples taken were coli-free.
Sept. 24	2	1	3	3 other samples taken were coli-free.
Oct. 15	0	1	1	1 other sample taken was coli-free.
Nov. 5	0	1	1	3 other samples taken were coli-free.
Dec. 10	0	1	1	2 other samples taken were coli-free.
Dec. 31	1	3	4	2 other samples taken were coli-free.

The coliform bacteria found would be derived from "aftergrowths" in deposits in the mains. The higher coli counts are attributed to local mains disturbances as in most cases other samples taken on the same date are coli-free. The few faecal coli found are derived from "aftergrowths" and not from any pollution.

The water supply has been of excellent chemical and bacteriological quality throughout the year."

A complaint was received of the unsatisfactory condition of the well water at one isolated cottage. This is situate approximately 600 yds. from the nearest main and negotiations are in progress with the owner for the provision of a mains supply.

REFUSE COLLECTION

A weekly collection of house refuse has been maintained throughout the whole of the district with a more frequent collection from the larger catering establishments. For this service an 11 cu. yd. S. & D. Freighter is used full time and a 9 cu. yd. part-time. By this means the service can be readily extended to cater for the further development which is taking place.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

All refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping and a proprietary insecticide is used for the control of insect pests. In July tipping was completed on the Moor and the surface levelled with a bulldozer in preparation for its use as a recreation ground. For the remainder of the year tipping was transferred to the Shaw Heath Tip.

SALVAGE

A separate collection of waste paper has been carried out from business premises and the price has remained constant at £7.10s.0d. per ton. The following table shows the amount and value of waste paper disposed of during the year, compared with the previous year.

	Waste Paper					
	Weight			Value		
	Tons.	Cwt.	Qrs.	£.	s.	d.
1958	62	12	1	469.	11.	9.
1957	52	7	2	392.	14.	3.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

All the sewerage from the Urban District, with the exception of a small area east of King Street, which is pumped through a rising main into the King Street sewer, is carried by gravitating sewers to the disposal works situated on the bank of the Birkin Brook on the north east boundary of the town. All samples of effluent taken by the Mersey River Board during the year were classed as satisfactory.

During the exceptional wet summer of 1958 flooding was experienced in various parts of the town and this was caused through the overloading of the sewers. Various remedial measures were undertaken, but these were not considered to be of a completely adequate nature.

In view of the proposed development in the Over Ward and the Bexton Road areas, the Council considered it advisable to discuss the question of sewerage with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government's Inspector. As a result of this, the Council have engaged Messrs. Arnold Brooksbank & Son of Bradford to prepare a report.

A number of septic tanks and cesspools have been emptied by the mechanical cesspool emptiers of the Hale U.D.C. and Bucklow R.D.C. at the owners request and expense.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION IN SCHOOLS

An inspection of the sanitary accommodation in all the schools in the district has been undertaken and as a result of this W.C's. were substituted for trough closets in two of the schools. In the case of one private school, completely new sanitary accommodation has been provided.

FACTORIES ACT 1937

The following table shows the number of inspections made and action taken during the year:-

PREMISES	Number on Register	NUMBER OF		
		Inspect- ions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	1	0	0
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	27	21	0	0
(3) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	0	0	0	0

It has not been necessary to take any action for infringement of the Act during the year.

OUTWORKERS

No residents of Knutsford undertaking homework have been notified during the year and none of the firms in the district have workers who undertake homework.

CERTIFICATES OF MEANS OF ESCAPE IN CASE OF FIRE

One certificate in accordance with Section 37 of the Act was issued during the year. The inspection for this purpose was carried out in co-operation with the Fire Prevention Officer of the Cheshire County Fire Service.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

There are four boiler installations in the area which are fired as follows:-

Fired with automatic stoker	2.
Oil fired	1
Coke fired	1.

Serious grit emission was experienced from one of the installations, but when this was brought to the notice of the responsible authorities they agreed to install a third automatic stoker and to provide instrumentation in the boiler house.

RODENT CONTROL

The Council has one part-time operator for this work who has been trained in the methods recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Infestations at domestic premises continue to be treated free of charge and in the case of business premises the cost of treatment is recovered. In the case of the Council's tip and Sewage Disposal Works, frequent visits are made and treatments carried out when necessary.

The following table gives details of infestations and treatments carried out during the year.

	Local Authority	Private	Business and other	Totals of Cols. 1.2.3.	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in Local Authy's District	8	2776	344	3128	11
2. Properties inspected as a result of:					
(a) Notification	0	40	0	0	0
(b) Survey under the Act	0	74	8	82	0
(c) Otherwise	8	60	36	104	7
3. Properties found to be infested by:					
(a) Rats (Major & Minor)	4	49	0	53	0
(b) Mice (Major & Minor)	0	5	0	5	0
4. Infested Properties treated by the L.A.	4	54	0	58	0

The maintenance treatment of the sewers was carried out in November when complete takes were experienced in 4 of the 14 manholes baited.

The Council received the 50% grant from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for the approved expenditure in regard to rodent control.

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Slaughtering continued in the three licenced slaughterhouses, one of which is used only for the slaughtering of pigs. The majority of slaughtering still takes place at week-ends. The standard of hygiene is very good and the small amount of meat which it was found necessary to condemn is evidence of the high quality of the meat produced in the slaughterhouses. As the following table shows, only heifers and bullocks are slaughtered by the two butchers concerned.

TABLE SHOWING NUMBER OF CARCASES & OFFAL INSPECTED.

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	414	0	5	1654	309	0
Number inspected	414	0	5	1654	309	0
Diseases except T.B. & Cysticerci carcasses condemned	0	0	0	1	2	0
Carcases part or organ condemned	31	0	0	27	7	0
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than T.B. & Cysticerci	7.5%	0	0	1.6%	2.9%	0
Tuberculosis only: Carcasses part or organ condemned	14	0	0	0	9	0
Percentage affected with T.B.	3.4%	0	0	0	3.5%	0

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS (Contd)

The total weight of unfit meat was approximately 737 lbs. and the following table shows the amount of other food stuffs which were condemned as being unfit for human consumption:-

Lamb	18 lbs.	Ox Tongues	2 tins.
Ham	11 tins.	Corned Beef	2 tins.
Tomatoes	8 tins.	Apricots	2 tins.
Pineapples	7 tins.	Fruit Salad	3 tins.
Beans	6 tins.	Pears	2 tins.
Peaches	5 tins.	Beef Loaf	1 tin.
Pork Luncheon Meat	3 tins.	Soup	1 tin.
Evaporated Milk	3 tins.	Strawberries	1 tin.
Peas	3 tins.	Chicken	1 tin.
Grapes	3 tins.		

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACTS 1933 - 54

13 Licences to slaughter as required by the above Acts were issued, one of which was an initial licence, the others being renewals.

MILK SUPPLIES

One of the dairies in the town ceased operating during the year, leaving a total of four in the district. All of these obtain their milk already bottled from the larger dairy concerns.

DESIGNATED MILK

Licences were issued during the year for the sale of designated milk, as follows:-

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Dealers</u>	<u>Supplementary</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Pasteurised	4	3	7
Tuberculin Tested	4	3	7
Sterilised	4	3	7
	12	9	21

FOOD PREMISES

There are 88 food premises in the district, classified as follows:-

<u>Shops</u>				
General Grocers	...	...	...	22
Butchers	...	...	...	10
Green Grocers	...	...	...	8
Fish Friers	...	...	...	3
Fishmongers	...	...	...	3
<u>Canteens</u>				
Factory	...	...	...	4
Institutions	...	...	...	3
Schools	...	...	...	6
<u>Caterers</u>				
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	20
Caterers	...	...	...	9

During the year 33 food premises were inspected and improvements carried out in 9 of these. The co-operation of the traders has been good, but owing to the pressure of other duties the time devoted to this work is less than is desirable.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938 - SAMPLING

The Cheshire County Council are the authority for the taking of samples of food stuffs under the above Act, and I am indebted to Mr. Howard Hughes, Chief Weights and Measures Inspector to the Cheshire County Council for the following information.

<u>Samples Taken</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number of Non-Standard Samples</u>
Flour (S.R.)	1	0
Ice Cream	2	0
Liquid Paraffin	1	0
Margarine (Tomor)	1	0
Milk (Fresh)	16	1
Rice	1	0
Salmon (Pink) Tinned	1	0
Sulphur Tablets (Raspberry Flavoured)	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>24</u>	<u>1</u>

PARTICULARS OF ADULTERATED/NON-STANDARD SAMPLES

2170 - Milk (Channel Island) - Deficient in milk-fat to the extent of 5 per cent. Cautioned by letter."

A tin of salmon was submitted to the Department with a complaint as to its quality, but when this was submitted to the Public Analyst for examination it was certified to be "a sample of genuine tinned salmon."

DISINFECTION

During the year two disinfections were carried out following the removal of patients to hospital.

DISINFESTATION

On ten occasions treatments were carried out for the eradication of cockroaches and wasps and for this purpose gammexane and cymag were used.

HOUSING - SLUM CLEARANCE

One further house was demolished during the year bringing the total number demolished to 62. A further ten notices of time and place in accordance with Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957 have been served and as a result of these three Undertakings Not to Re-let have been accepted. The present position is as follows:-

Houses Demolished	62
Houses Closed	6
Undertakings not to Re-let held	21
Properties re-conditioned ...	<u>6</u>
	<u>95</u>

¹⁹⁵⁸In 1958, the Five Year Programme for Slum Clearance was submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government, and approved, in which it was proposed to deal with 90 unfit houses, and as will be seen from the above, this has already been exceeded. In addition, it is proposed to take action in respect of a further 17 houses, which are considered to be unfit. During the routine inspection of the district, defects were found which resulted in the service of 18 informal notices; in all cases the works required were carried out.

NEW HOUSES

During 1958, the total number of new houses completed was 131 with a further 22 under construction, made up as follows:-

	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Under Construction</u>
Private Houses	99	18
Council Houses	<u>32</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u>131</u>	<u>22</u>

The number of new houses shows an increase of 78 compared with the previous years total of 75. At the end of the year the number of Council owned dwellings was 772.

During the year a start was made by the Manchester Corporation on the first phase of their 250 houses for overspill. This embraces 140 houses which can be drained into the existing sewer in Mobberley Road and the second phase will be commenced when a new sewer and pumping station have been installed.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Three applications for improvement and conversion grants were received, one of which was ineligible because the work proposed did not qualify for grant. The details of the grants approved are as follows:-

(1) Conversion of one house into two flats	....	£500.
(2) The provision of a bathroom	....	£ 70.
		<u>£570.</u>

RENT ACT, 1957

Once again many enquiries were received concerning the above Act, but only two Certificates of Disrepair have been issued. Two Statutory Undertakings from owners to carry out repairs within the prescribed period are still outstanding. In addition, one Certificate of Disrepair, issued under the Housing Repairs AND Rents Act, 1954, has been cancelled.

STAFF

In conclusion, I would like to record my appreciation of the valuable work carried out by your Additional Public Health Inspector, Mr. P. Darbyshire, both during the year under review and in the compilation of this report. He has devoted the whole of his time to Public Health Administration, whilst I had to undertake other duties, and he has carried out all duties entrusted to him with marked ability, particularly the inspection of meat and other foods. I am grateful to him for his co-operation and loyalty on all occasions; and we both in turn thank the Medical Officer of Health for his encouragement and help which is so willingly given.

Your obedient servant,

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Chief Public Health Inspector.

